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## **AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2001, please consider the remarks set forth below.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 17-28 remain pending in the present application.

The Examiner has rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph. Applicant believes this rejection to be improper since one skilled in the art would readily understand Applicant's claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 17-28 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Stevens. The Examiner alleges that it would be inherent that Stevens suggests the bowling ball accessory as disclosed by Applicant.